Bids by Malaysian company for Kawas and Gandhar projects

2270. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Malaysian firm was identified by NTPC as the second lowest bidder for gas supply for the expansion of its Gandhar and Kawas projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of its bid price and how it compares with the International price of gas then and now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, Petronas, Malaysia was the second lowest bidder for gas supply for the expansion of NTPC Gandhar and Kawas projects. They participated for supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) on Cost Insurance Freight (CIF) basis.

The bid price of Petronas, Malaysia was $ 3.63 per Million Metric British Thermal Unit (MMBtu) (without taxes and duties) for supply of LNG on CIF basis.

Generally, the prices of LNG under specific long term contracts are kept confidential and not available in the public domain. However, according to BP statistical review of World Energy (June '2008), the average prices of LNG for Japan in the years 2004 and 2007 were $ 5.18 per MMBtu and $ 7.73 per MMBtu respectively.

Incentives for Kerala under APDRP

2271. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had recommended the incentives for Kerala under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) scheme for the period 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the amount sanctioned as on date, category-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Kerala Government had represented for the same during December, 2006 and May, 2007;

(d) if so, the action taken in detail; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) The State of Kerala had submitted the proposals for release of incentive for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 under incentive component of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). After scrutinizing the proposals, the incentive claim for the year 2002-03 was